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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2600  
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0498-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Junichi SAKAMOTO et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2672
	)	
Application No.: 10/629,112	)	Examiner: Eric V. Woods
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Filed: July 29, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 6984
	)	
For: CLIPPING DEVICE	)	<b>Mail Stop AF</b>

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2006, the period for response to which extends through May 24, 2006, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.